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RAILROAD HEADS LOOK FOR UPWARD BUSINESS TREND

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tant Future

READY FOR DEMANDS

Close of 1930 Finds Railroads
Face Serious
Problems

By W. S. Cousins
(Financial Editor, I. N. S.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—“American railroad heads are looking forward with courage to an upswing in business activity, with the hope that it will not be in the far distant future. When it comes, the railroads stand prepared to meet promptly, efficiently and economically, such increased demands for transportation as may be made.”

R. B. Aishton, president of the American Railroad Association in this summarizing the business situation for International News Service, said that while business conditions in 1930 have been far from satisfactory, and while numerous serious problems are facing industries, he is hopeful that a way will be found to solve these problems within a reasonably short time.

“Without taking into consideration business conditions that have existed during the past year,” said Mr. Aishton, “the close of 1930 finds the railroads facing a serious problem, due to declining traffic and the resultant lowering of revenues. During the thirty-year period ended with 1920, there was an increase annually in freight traffic of more than seven percent, but from 1920 to 1930, the increase was less than one percent for passenger traffic, the average annual increase was six percent for the thirty-year period compared with an average annual decrease of three percent for the nine-year period ended in 1929.”

The increase in the use of private automobiles, motor trucks and buses; the increase in transcontinental tonnage handled through the Panama Canal, and the increase in traffic handled over inland waterways were cited by Mr. Aishton as the principal reasons for the decline in growth in railroad traffic during the 29-year period ending with 1929. Other contributing factors to this decline are the pipe lines and highpower electric lines to large consuming centers.

“Naturally,” he said, “this has affected the net earnings of the railways but through increased efficiency and economy in operation, this loss has been to some extent counteracted. Eventually, however, a limit must even be reached in this.”

“Spurred by the situation that confronts them, the railways recently adopted a policy deemed necessary to the continuance of adequate transportation service to the public, wherein the rail carriers asked:

1. A respite from rate reductions and suspension by recuperating bodies, both intrastate and interstate, and from action that will increase the expenses of the carriers.

2. A respite from legislative efforts of either the national or the state legislatures that would adversely affect rates or increase the expenses of the carriers.

3. A withdrawal of governmental competition both through direct operations of transportation facilities, as well as indirectly through subsidies.

4. A fairly comparable system of regulation for competing transportation service.

“In taking this action,” said Mr. Aishton, “the railroads only seek an equal opportunity to compete with other modern forms of transportation to handle the commerce of the nation. They are not asking for any special privileges. They simply want all forms of transportation to be treated alike.”

HOLIDAY SEASON RECALLS GREAT HEROIC EXPLOIT
In one of the greatest and most spectacular exploits of his military career, General George Washington, on Christmas night, 1776, wrested a victory from the forces of Great Britain and in a few short hours lifted the spirits of his countrymen from the despair into which they had been plunged by a series of defeats and reverses. With a sure swiftness that inspired terror in the hearts of his enemies, the American Commander-in-Chief, at the head of a small force of 2400 Continentals, crossed the dangerous, ice-filled Delaware River, and, in a fury of desperation, fell upon the Hessian troops commanded by Colonel Rahl at Trenton. The net result of Washington's action was a thousand prisoners of war and a most convincing triumph for the Americans.

Two Are Injured in Auto Crash On the Highway

Two persons were treated at Mercer Hospital, Trenton, yesterday for injuries received in an automobile crash near Oxford Valley. They are Martha Struse, 20 years old, of 10th and Dauphin streets, Philadelphia, and Mrs. Edna Davis, of 1123 South 24th street, Philadelphia, both of whom received lacerations of the face.

The car in which they were riding, operated by Leon Ross, of 2211 Ellsworth street, Philadelphia, sideswiped with another driven by David Millman, 28, of Oaklyn, N. J. The wheels locked and both machines went into a ditch. Patrolman Snader, of the Pennsylvania Highway Patrol arrested Ross, who was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Alvey and fined \$27.25 for illegal use of tags.

BANKERS TRUST CO. CLOSES ITS DOORS

One of Largest Banking Institutions in Philadelphia;
Nineteen Branches

IS DECLARED SOLVENT

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—(INS)—The Bankers Trust Company closed its doors here today.

The institution, one of the largest banks in Philadelphia, is located at Juniper and Walnut streets, and has 19 branches throughout the city.

The accounts will total in the millions, it was said. Failure to open up for business today was due to steady seepage of deposits, according to Samuel H. Barker, president, who declared the bank is solvent, and will be reorganized.

The doors were closed to protect the interests of the stockholders and depositors. Peter G. Cameron, state secretary of banking, is taking charge of the concern.

Barker's statement follows: “At a meeting of the board of directors of the Bankers Trust of Philadelphia, this morning, the affairs of the bank were placed in charge of Peter G. Cameron, Secretary of Banking, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

“This action was taken to conserve assets for the protection of depositors and stockholders.

“Present difficulties are due to a steady seepage of deposits. The bank is solvent. Plans are under consideration for early reorganization.”

The closing of the main bank means that all branches throughout the city will also be closed.

It is reported that Albert M. Greenfield, prominent real estate man, is one of the outstanding members of the board of directors of the bank.

Peter Cameron was in Philadelphia Saturday, it was learned today.

His clerks and examiners are working today behind the bank's closed doors, going over all accounts, books and loans.

Hundreds of depositors gathered around the closed bank and police were called upon to disperse the crowd.

The closed institution is located in the heart of the city's financial and shopping district and its closing came as a complete surprise. Beyond the two line notice posted on the doors no other information could be gleaned regarding the reasons for the bank's closing.

CARD PARTY A SUCCESS
CROYDON, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Joseph Geiger is much pleased with the success of the recent card party given for charitable purposes, and extends appreciation to those who helped to make the affair a success.

TWINS ARRIVE

Twin girls were born to Mr. and Mrs. William Sigafos, Mulberry street, at Dr. Wagner's hospital yesterday.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVALS WILL FEATURE THIS WEEK IN SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF THE CHURCHES OF BRISTOL; CANDY AND GIFTS TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO CHILDREN

Elaborate Programs Have Been Arranged for the Exercises To Be Held in the Church of Our Saviour This Evening, the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches of Bristol Tomorrow Evening—Gaily Decorated Trees and A Visit by Santa to Feature the Programs.

Christmas festivals are to be held in a number of the Sunday Schools in Bristol, this week.

Tonight the Church of Our Saviour will celebrate its Christmas festival, beginning at 7.45.

Tomorrow evening the annual Christmas entertainments will be held in the Methodist and First Baptist churches where elaborate programs will be rendered and gifts distributed. Gaily decorated and brilliantly lighted Christmas trees will be centers of attraction.

The following program will be presented in the Methodist Episcopal Sunday School auditorium tomorrow at 8 o'clock:

Singing, “Joy to the World,” by the school; prayer; address of welcome, Sara Ellis; recitation, Vita Mulholland; exercise for teacher and nine girls, “The Christmas Story”; recitation, “The Star of Bethlehem,” “Ida Hampton; piano solo, “O Thou Joyful Day,” Marion Wright; recitation, “Christmas Gifts,” Betty McDermott; miniature pageant, “The Meaning of the Christmas Symbols”; singing by the school, “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”; announcements and offering; recitation, “Billy and I,” Edgar McDermott; recitation, “The Christmas Tree,” Marion Wright; Doll Drill, Mildred Miller, Sara Ellis, Pearl Smith, Grace Vanzant, Peggie Rathke, Dorothy Ritter; recitation, “Jimmie's Wonder,” Robert Brown; recitation, “There's A Story We Love,” Jean French; exercise, “Santa's Little Helpers,” Geraldine Risser, Rosemary Scheffey; Kathryn Keller and Margaret Wildman; recitation, “Before Christmas,” Wayne Mulholland; exercise, “Mail for Santa Claus,” Vance Betz, Eleanor Corbitt, Bobby Brown, Edith Kershaw, Clifford Hagerman; recitation, “How the Christmas Tree Was Saved,” Charlotte Rathke; song by the school, “O Little Town of Bethlehem,” “Christmas Comes But Once A Year,” a sketch with the following characters, John Booth, Paul Simpson;

“VILLAGE FARMS” NOTED
AS A BREEDING CENTER

Show Place of Gage B. Ellis
Ranks Among Foremost
of Its Kind

PRIZE WINNING RACERS

Writing in the Philadelphia Inquirer yesterday “Web” gives an interesting account of the Village Farms located near Langhorne, Bucks County.

The article reads as follows: Located in a fertile section of Bucks county, out near Langhorne, the Village Farms, owned by Gage B. Ellis, are destined to take a place in the front ranks of American breeding establishments in the not very distant future.

Mr. Ellis is one of the younger men to take an active part in a big way, in the breeding of the trotter and pacer. He is a grandson of the late Frank Ellis, veteran local horseman of note, who by the way was the first man to ever ship a horse by express.

Showing rare judgment, and a desire to acquire only the best, Gage Ellis placed at the head of the Village Farms, those two great sires, the one-time great trotter, Signal Peter 2:05 1/4 by Peter the Great, and Abbedale 2:01 3/4 by The Abbe, a race-winning pacer of note in his day.

Both stallions have made good in the short time they have been in the breeding ranks, for they are both but 13 years old. Signal Peter was represented by twenty-five horses, which won sixty-five races during the past season. He had twenty new standard performers, twelve reduced their records, and seven new 2:10 performers are among the lot. Of his get twenty-two have marks of 2:10 and better, forty-four in 2:15 and better.

Of his get Nelly Signal (3) 2:02 1/2, was the champion three-year-old of 1928, and won the Matron and Stallion stakes. Signal Flash (3) 2:06 1/4, Flying Signal 2:06 1/2, Busy Signal 2:06 1/2, Zonite 2:06 1/2, Lantern (3) 2:07 1/4, was the champion three-year-old gelding of 1929. Precious Signal (2) 2:08 1/2, was a two-year-old champion trotter of 1928.

Some of the outstanding race winners sired by Signal Peter, won as follows the past season: Call Signal eight races, Dora Signal seven races, Signal Spier six races, and Signal Peter is certain to become a great sire of speed with the splendid opportunities he will have at Village Farms, and with the outside patronage he is sure to get from the vicinity.

Abbedale had eleven new standard performers out this year, and now has a total of thirty-one in the list. Three of his get lowered their marks this year. His eleven new performers out this season won twenty-nine races. Rosemary (3) 2:05, was the champion three-year-old pacer filly of 1929. His 2:10 performers are: Rosemary 2:05, Miss Mac (3) 2:08, Rose Marie Abbe (2) 2:08, Reddale 2:08 1/2, Winnie Dale 2:08 1/2, June Wetzel (2) 2:09, in the stable John Dagler, at Allentown, Chattydal (2) 2:09 and Auburndale 2:09 1/2.

Abbedale is a coal black pacer with the exception of one white ankle. He is considered, for his age, the best pacing stallion in the country today. Walter Cox rated him the fastest horse that he had ever raced, and considered that he should have had a mark of two minutes or better. Both stallions will stand at Village Farms, for the season of 1930, with some outside mares allowed.

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STORES TO REMAIN OPEN

The J. G. McCrory Company and W. T. Grant Company will be open Wednesday evening until 10 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffith Ratcliffe, of Camden, N. J., passed Saturday in Bristol, visiting Mr. Ratcliffe's mother, Mrs. Edith Ratcliffe, of 905 Garden street.

Today in History:
Esek Hopkins appointed Commander in Chief of the American Army, 1783.

Coming Events

December 23—
Cantata, “Santa's Advance Man,” by S. S. of First Baptist Church.

December 29—
Card party given by Shepherds' Delight Lodge No. 1.

December 31—
Masked party at Edgely fire station at 9 p. m.

January 2—
New Year's dance in high school “gym,” sponsored by class of 1932, Bristol high school.

January 12—
Card party given by Ladies Auxiliary of No. 2 Fire Company in hose house.

Woman Is Saved From Burning to Death

MORRISVILLE, Dec. 22.—Collapsing in the bedroom of her burning home at 29 Lafayette street, Morrisville, yesterday morning, Mrs. Louis Ross was carried from the building by a neighbor who discovered the blaze. Three others managed to flee to safety.

The fire was discovered by Thomas Cubberley as he was paying the family a call at 9 o'clock. Receiving no answer to his knocks on the front door, Cubberley walked to the rear door and noticed billows of smoke and flames issuing from the cellar window.

His shouts of fire and pounding on the door awakened Mrs. Ross, her son, William, and her daughter and niece, Mrs. Naomi Cagels and Naomi Cagels. They at first believed Cubberley to be joking but soon realized their danger. William, Mrs. Cagels and the latter's daughter grabbed some belongings and fled from the house. Mrs. Ross attempted to join them, but she fainted before reaching the door of her bedroom. Cubberley dashed into the house and carried the woman to the street.

The two-story frame house was badly damaged and most of the furniture destroyed, with a loss estimated at \$3,000. The Union and Capitol View fire companies extinguished the blaze.

ATTENDS PLAY

Norma Wenzel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wenzel, of “Fairview,” attended the performance of “Hans and Gretel” at the Academy of Music on Saturday. Norma was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Haas, of Haverford, Pa.

JOLLY TIME PLANNING THE HOLIDAY FEAST

Housewives Now Engaged in
Arranging Tempting
Menus for X'mas

STOCKS ARE PLENTIFUL

Close on the heels of the search for Christmas gifts, comes the planning and seeking for toothsome viands for the holiday feast. And what a jolly time is had — arranging the menu, thinking of favors that are unusual and different, getting material in early for the fruit cake and plum pudding. Of course all fruit cakes and plum puddings have long since been attended to, but there is the other food products shopping to do.

The fowl will be very much in evidence, both in odor and appearance, and as the turkey, chicken, duck or goose browns in the oven on Christmas morn, the appetite will grow.

One will have visions of all manner of accompanying dishes, of vegetables well cooked and tasty, of gravy, and enriched filling, of vegetable or fruit salads, of breads of various flours and in attractive styles. Then, too, there will be delicious hot coffee, or tea for those who prefer it; nuts upon nuts, with almonds, walnut, pecans, Brazil nuts, filberts, etc., in the aggregation; chocolate covered fruit and nuts, chocolate creams, and hard candies; fruit cakes, or those bearing other names — probably a heavenly Angel cake, a toothsome Devil cake, raisin or nut cake, or others of a long list. And going back to the vegetables, do you prefer asparagus, peas, beans, one of the variety of beans, cabbage, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, onions, spinach, carrots, parsnips, turnips?

The fruit, surely, will not be forgotten. The youngsters, and grown-ups, too, much enjoy oranges and tangerines, and all like apples, bananas, grapes, pears, cherries, peaches, plums and pineapple.

Admission might be given that the lettuce should not be forgotten, as well as goodly supplies of butter, sugar, lard, baking powder, cream and milk, seasonings, coffee, tea, chocolate and cocoa, salt, pepper, mayonnaise, and any other necessary miscellaneous items to make the dinner complete and a success.

Then, having planned the menu, there is no question as to where these goods might be secured. The following grocers are awaiting your orders and visits, and will serve you in a prompt and most courteous manner: John F. Wear, Bath and Buckley streets; Phillip Reed, Bath and Mifflin streets; Wallace & Plum, 241-243 Mill street; C. F. Weller, Edgely; Fred Rocky, 238 Mill street; American Stores Co. with stores on Buckley, Washington, and Mill streets, and Farragut avenue.

Children Thoroughly Enjoy X'mas Party and Santa's Visit

The children's Christmas party held on Saturday afternoon at the Travel Club Home, by the members of Morning Star Chapter, No. 395, Order of Eastern Star, was a most enjoyable occasion for the adults as well as the children.

The party started at 2.30 by singing Christmas carols, after which several recitations and songs were rendered by the children.

Following the playing of various games, it was announced that Santa Claus would arrive very shortly. Wide eyed and expectant, the children awaited his arrival and when Santa made his appearance, wild cheers were heard. He then presented each child with a gift and a box of candy.

Ice cream was then served to the children, and again, amid wild cheers, Santa Claus made his departure.

THREE ALARMS KEEP FIREMEN ON JUMP

Garage Blaze Saturday After-
noon Caused Greatest
Loss

ONE INCENDIARY BLAZE

Fire started Saturday afternoon in the garage in the rear of the property occupied by J. Lovett Fine, 238 Wood street.

The blaze had gained considerable headway before being discovered and the damage is estimated by Chief McGee at about \$200.

Someone set fire to the chapel building at the Bristol Cemetery, last evening. The blaze was started beneath the building and a portion of the floor was burned away.

The loss is given as about \$25. There was a chimney fire this morning at the property 711 Pine street, owned by John Dugan. The loss was trifling.

Consolidated firemen answered all three alarms.

Children and Grown-Ups Have Jolly Time at Party

Lily Rebekah Lodge, No. 366, held its annual Christmas party in the L. O. O. F. hall, Saturday evening. The hall was filled to capacity with members and their children. The rooms were attractively decorated with Christmas greens and in one corner stood a beautiful Christmas tree. Santa Claus was present and distributed many pretty gifts among the member and kiddies.

Following the distribution of gifts, the entertainment committee took charge and the program was as follows: Singing of Christmas carols by the audience; tap dancing by Elizabeth Pennimore, Doris Barr and Dorothy Burbank, accompanied on the piano by Slater Jessie Richardson; vocal solo by Little Louise Godshall; Christmas duet by Doris Barr and Elizabeth Pennimore, accompanied by Eleanor Dyer, pianist; quartet by Sisters noble grand, Margaret Rittler, Kate VanSant, Ethel Barr, Elizabeth Hinman; Sister Elizabeth Tschada gave a dance called the “Hyberny Hop”; recitations were given by little “Bobbie” Conklin and “Billy” Richardson.

The above program was enjoyed by everyone present. Refreshments consisting of ice cream, pop-corn, candy, coffee and cake were served at a late hour.

The committee in charge of this affair was composed of the following ladies: Mrs. Jessie Richardson, chairlady, Mrs. Ethel Barr, Mrs. Elizabeth Hinman, Pearl King, Elizabeth Tschada, Leah Godshall, Bella West and Adelaide White.

CHILD IS BURNED

Pulling the cord of an electric percolator, little Joan Reichert, of Newportville, painfully burned her left side yesterday. The tot is being treated at the Harriman Hospital.

STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

DANVILLE, Dec. 22.—(INS)—Fines totaling \$1600 were imposed on six persons here for illegal killing of deer in Union county, Game Protector Miles I. Reeder announced here.

Among those fined were a man and his wife who made “fake” hamburger sandwiches from the venison, Reeder said, and sold it at a lunch counter along a highway.

STATE COLLEGE, Dec. 22.—(INS)—Pack P. Livezey, captain of the Penn State baseball team, has been given permission by the faculty to accompany a team of college ball-players on a holiday tour of the West Indies.

Livezey is expected to hold down an infield post, probably second base, on the squad which will play a number of games in Cuba and other islands during the tour. Livezey will return to college January 5th.

LANCASTER, Dec. 22.—(INS)—Six inter-county bridges, connecting Lancaster and Chester counties, will be protected against fire and other damage in future by insurance, it was decided here after a joint meeting of the

RELIEF FUND NOW BEING RECEIVED BY THE COMMITTEE

Central Relief Committee
Acknowledges Receipt of
Over \$500

MORE STILL NEEDED

Appeal is Made to Individuals
and Organizations to Con-
tribute at Once

Today the Central Relief Committee makes public the first list of contributors to the fund of \$2,000 which the committee is attempting to raise and which will be used in relief work in Bristol.

The committee requests all individuals and agencies distributing charity here to report the cases which they aid, so as to avoid duplication and consequent inequalities.

If the Central Committee receives a report of an case which are aided by other organizations and individuals, then the Central Committee will use its money to give assistance to those who have not received aid from other sources.

Cases reported to the Central Committee are thoroughly investigated. Walter F. Leedom is chairman of the Charity Committee of the Central or Mr. Leedom on this committee include the following:

Benjamin Silber, Frank Green, Savorio Alta, Arthur P. Brady, Angelo DiRenzo, Mrs. Frederick Kring, Mrs. Grace S. Williams and Mrs. Mary Ancker.

The finance committee is composed of Joseph R. Grundy, Clifford L. Anderson, Mrs. Louis C. Spring, Mrs. Mary Kraft and Thomas.

Burgess Clifford L. Anderson is president and Thomas Scott is secretary-treasurer of the committee.

There is an urgent need for every dollar which the Central Committee receives and those who have not as yet contributed are urged to do so at the very earliest opportunity.

The committee has set \$2,000 as its goal and hopes to exceed that figure. Contributions acknowledged today are as follows:

Joseph R. Grundy	\$200.00
D. Landreth Seed Co.	100.00
B. H. S. Student Body and Alumni	65.50
Farmers National Bank of Bucks County	50.00
Bristol Trust Company	50.00
Italian Welfare Fund Ass'n	25.00
Horace N. Davis	25.00
Bucks Lodge, 1169, L. O. O. M.	25.00
Card Club No. 9, K. H. Jensenius, treasurer	20.00
O'Donnell Brothers	20.00
Total	\$580.50

Charged With Throwing Nails Along Streets

Police have been endeavoring to solve the promiscuous throwing of tacks and roofer's nails on some of the streets here. Autoists have complained of the large number of punctures and most of the tire trouble has been due to tacks and nails of the same description.

Paul Russell, Tullytown, was taken into custody Saturday night, on suspicion of being the person guilty of placing these tacks and nails upon the street.

Russell admitted to the police that he had nails of this description in his possession, but that he had purchased them so that he could make repairs to a row boat.

Russell was held in \$500 bail for a further hearing on January 7th.

IN HOSPITAL

Pneumonia has confined Fred Prochenbock, of Spruce street, to the Harriman Hospital.

boards of commissioners of Lancaster and Chester counties.

No definite decision was made as to improvements to the bridges, which were discussed at the meeting.

HARRISBURG, Dec. 22.—(INS)—Mrs. B. H. Evans, here, is rejoicing over the return of a \$200 diamond brooch, a family heirloom, lost last summer on Martha's Vineyard while she was vacationing there.

How the brooch was recovered is still a mystery to the Evans family. It was found at the Massachusetts resort by a workman who took it to a jewelry shop for a valuation. When he learned Mrs. Evans had offered a reward for a similar brooch, he returned to the shop to obtain it, only to find it had been claimed in the interval by an unidentified woman.

Mrs. Evans was notified a few days ago that the jewel had been found, and it was returned to her through an insurance firm.

LEBANON, Dec. 22.—(INS)—Blinded when a schoolmate threw lime into his eyes, George Johnson, 16 year old high school senior here, has recovered his sight.

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A STEP FORWARD

Announcement that the Federal Government has found a non-poisonous denaturant of alcohol which leaves denatured alcohol non-potable but free of deadly poisons marks a long step forward in the enforcement of prohibition and in the raising of the morals of enforcement.

Government laboratories claim to have produced a denaturant that will not kill, that cannot be neutralized by "re-cooking" and which makes the treated alcohol offensive even to the person who in an insane hunt for intoxicants will dare death or blindness from wood alcohol.

A non-poisonous denaturant such as the prohibition commissioner describes makes easier the work of his department and grants it a negative relief from a responsibility for poison rum with which it has been unfairly charged.

Once all the poisons have been removed from intoxicants legally manufactured, poison liquor will be reduced to a minimum and its sources will be more readily traced. This is part of the work of enforcement, for one of the purposes of prohibition is the saving of human beings from a "drunkard's grave."

After all, the government is not trying to enforce the Volstead law merely because it is a law, but because experience has shown that enforcement is necessary if the nation is to claim those benefits which were to flow from prohibition.

UNCLE SAM: FINANCIER

Uncle Sam doesn't own the earth but he is a heavy investor in it, if not the majority stockholder.

American investments in foreign countries now total \$7,500,000,000, according to government estimates. In addition to this, there are the war loans to former allies. These foreign investments are scattered throughout Europe, Asia, Africa, Latin America and Canada.

Canada and Latin America enjoy the benefits of the bulk of this capital investment, which is back of much of their industrial and mineral production, but European industries share in it to the extent of \$1,352,000,000.

This is one "entangling alliance" George Washington probably did not foresee when he established that prolonged policy of "isolation" but it is, nevertheless, an alliance fraught with more complications than most paper treaties.

There can be no "isolation" for a nation whose nationals capitalize the world. Wherever money is, there you will find politics protecting it, and wherever Americans choose to invest their dollars their Government must demand protection for them. Even though the government discourages a foreign investment, it cannot ignore the investor who ignores his government's advice.

The irony of the situation is that these same investments, which foreign nations invite, provoke the charge of "Yankee imperialism."

Another kiss-proofer is garlic.

The puzzle fiend who married got a puzzle he never will solve.

At least the Commerce Department is employed. It has just discovered for the nation's edification that the buggy is rapidly disappearing.

Christmas Festivals Will Feature This Week

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satisfied at Christmas time with the presents she receives, and is overheard by Sunny Jim, Santa's advance man, who has been sent ahead by him to straighten out such matters. He introduces himself and explains his mission after which he invites Helen and her friends to accompany him on a tour of the slums, where they meet with many adventures. They are shown how little some poor children know of Christmas and the Christ Child. Helen and her friends become interested at once, and set forth to make a merry Christmas for some of the unfortunate they have been led to by Sunny Jim. As they are assembled good old Santa appears and all have a royal good time. In the end, Helen vows never to be dissatisfied again with her presents, after seeing the true state of affairs as to the lots of other children.

It is a beautiful story, told in words and melody, that is sure to be a lesson to young and old.

Musical numbers: Overture; "Hark! The Merry Chiming Bells," opening chorus; "What If Santa Didn't Come?" Helen and Friends; "I'm the Right Hand Man of Santa Claus," solo, Sunny Jim; "A Joyous Happy Band," queen and fairies; "Angels From the Realm of Glory," quartet; "I'm Only a Girl Whom Santa Don't Know," solo, Sally; "Hurry, Hurry, Hurry, Santa, Hurry," tots' chorus; "I Wish I Could Be Santa Claus," solo, Percy; "I'm Santa Claus," solo, Santa; part song, "Santa Won't Tell Us!" Helen, Sunny Jim, Fairies and chorus; grand finale, ensemble chorus.

Characters: "Helen," Ruth Weik; "Marion," Doris Hendricks; "Gladys," Thelma Weik; "Percy," Howard Zepp, Jr.; "Jane," Helen Allen; "Bessie," Elizabeth Mariner; "Josephine," Mar-

garet Quinn; "Art," Thomas Muffett; "Santa Claus" and "Sunny Jim," William Marshall.

Queen of fairies, Noma Johnson; fairies, Margaret Quinn, Harriet Edelman, Betty Lovett, Gladys Weik, Mary Watson, Betty Price, Dorothy McLean, Virginia Harmon, Ida Roberts.

Newsies, Lewis Foell, Leonard Dyer, Wilbur Campbell, Anita Wallace, Mary Muffett, Charles Eberhard, Vernon Howell, Parker Tomlinson, Raymond Tomlinson.

Little tots: Marie Barr, Dorothy Edelman, Ruth Ann Watson, Charlotte Albright, June Hems, Alice Elmer, Norma Hogarth.

Santa's reindeer: George McLean, Charles Hughes, Russell Romig, Joseph Heath, Robert Haemans, Albert Pervin, Albertus Gilbert, Austin Chamberlain.

Carol by school; distribution of gifts by Santa. Every person attending is requested to bring a canned article to be sent to the Baptist orphanage. All are invited to come.

Members of the Sunday School of the Church of Our Saviour have arranged to give the following program tonight:

The school will open with the beautiful Christmas service, "Sweetest Story Ever Told." After which will follow recitations by the primary and junior children as follows:

"The Caroler," Anita Cucco; Christmas Flower Fairy, Yolanda Maggi; "Free Parking," Tony Fiddio; Miss Holly, Elda Felicione; "The Christmas Robin," Clara Glabertina; "A Merry Christmas," Clara Cucco; "The Christmas Candle," Jennie Sacchi; "It's Christmas," Mary Valpone, Jilda Jessica, Virginia Cacci, Antonette Clafaro, and Anna Baracco; "My years, I was with the late William Dolly," Dora Cordetti; "Hello, Santa Claus," Joseph Cirilli; "Love in the Air," Henry Cordisco; "Not Quite Big Sister," Calvin Solla; "Smiles," Anna Cacci, Mary Baracco, Frances

Cucco, Albina Camellucci, Jean Di Mico, and Jean Di Pasquale; "Grandma's Gift," Fannie Tisone; "My Gift," Clementina Glabertina; "Christmas A B C's," William Di Pasquale, Claud Camellucci and Domenic Paglione; "Joyous Voices," Levia Zanni; "Christmas Arithmetic," Alfred Cordisco; "The Borrower," Jimmie Orazi; "Christmas Trumpets," Ezio and Tony Zanni; "Jesus," Edith Orazi; "Joy-bells," Isabella Zanni; duet, Fannie Tisone and Vera Paglione.

After the recitations, "The Nativity Story" will be presented in tableau form by some of the young people as follows:

Violet Felicione, Madonna; Sylvio Cordisco, Alfred Camellucci, Henry Cordisco, shepherds; Anna Di Renzo, Margaret Felicione, Helen Cordisco, Catharine Pecoraro, Anna and Frances Cottone, the angels.

Awards will be presented to those who have attended the school regularly during the year, after which Santa Claus will pay his usual visit to the school.

"Village Farms" Noted As A Breeding Center

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In keeping with his progressive policies Gage Ellis has equipped Village farms with the most modern of buildings. On it he has built a half-mile track that is in keeping with the up-to-date farm, and there are the best of accommodations for horses sent there. Horsemen will find much of interest at the farm, a band of broodmares of royal heritage and many splendid colts. Farm Superintendent William Embury, is a horseman, who has known the business for many years. He was with the late William Dolly, Dora Cordetti; "Hello, Santa Claus," Joseph Cirilli; "Love in the Air," Henry Cordisco; "Not Quite Big Sister," Calvin Solla; "Smiles," Anna Cacci, Mary Baracco, Frances

HULMEVILLE

Christmas Day will be spent by Mr. and Mrs. Jesse C. Everitt and Miss Marie Hanson, of Main street, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Davis, Feasterville.

Robert Coxon, of Green street, will pass the Yuletide season with his parents in Frackville.

The one-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hoffmeister, of Newtown, Lester Wilmar Hoffmeister, was buried in Newtown on Friday. The baby succumbed to pneumonia which developed following an operation at the Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia.

Joseph Everitt, who is a student at Bucknell University is paying a holiday visit to his parents Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Everitt of Middletown Township.

The Christmas entertainment of Grace Episcopal Church will take place this evening.

C. W. Haefner has purchased a new

Ford sedan.

Funeral services for Mrs. Effie Smith held at the late home of the deceased Saturday afternoon, were largely attended. Many floral tokens from relatives and friends were in evidence, and Rev. Francis E. Walz, of Hulmeville, and Rev. Walter H. Canon, of Paoli, were in charge of the service. Interment was made in Oakland Cemetery, Philadelphia. The pall-bearers were: George Douglass, Jesse G. Webster, Jesse C. Everitt, Samuel K. Faust, Adolph Schoenfeld, and George Tracy.

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society friends once in a while he could endure them better. He was a go-getter, a money-maker, an out and out Rabbit, from the top of his bullet head to the soles of his big, square feet. He "provided well" for his family, worshipped them, and wished he knew them better. Especially May Belle, who was growing away from him so fast. "Of course, if you're going to be funny," Mrs. Craig sniffed, and got no further, for the whole crowd swept in upon them, panting and laughing after a strenuous dance on the porch, shouting for food. "And gin! Lots of gin!" May Belle's voice was the loudest of them all. "I wish you'd leave the hard liquor for your old dad!" he used to say. He had never got used to seeing nice young girls drinking and smoking. But May Belle only laughed at him and Cora took her part. Everybody drank nowadays, even the youngest debs. . . oh, well, May Belle was a fine girl. . .

"FOREST LOVE" by HAZEL LIVINGSTON

WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE.

Nancy Hollenbeck, young and beautiful, wants to keep her newest beau, Mat Tully, all to herself. Returning from a ride she leaves him at the door to avoid her mother's questionings and her sister's stares. Later Mrs. Hollenbeck warns Nancy against her own mistake of marrying a poor man, Nancy, after a sleepless night, decides to follow her mother's advice. She breaks a date with Mat. Louise and Nancy attend the annual house party of the rich Craigs.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.

NANCY MEETS JACK BEAMER, HANDSOME SPORTSMAN

CHAPTER V. "I DON'T know why I asked Jack Beamer," Mrs. Craig mourned, on the second night of the house party.

Mr. Craig (John P. Craig, of Craig & Kaufman, Realtors) sighed and looked at his watch, but it was only ten o'clock, a little too early to suggest retiring. "I don't know, either," he yawned.

"Still—everybody asks him—"

"Well, don't ask him again,"

Mr. Craig suggested, irritably, discovering that he had played a queen on a jack and the Canfield that was coming along so nicely was completely ruined.

Seven summers at the same place had killed any love he had ever had for Craigfield. It was all right at first. He and Cora—he called her "Mama" in those days—had gone boating, and even swimming in the river; with May Belle, a twelve-year-old tomboy, paddling like a frenzied frog and squealing, "Look at me, Daddy! Look! I'm not touching bottom!" May Belle and the Hollenbeck girls—especially the pretty one, Nancy—used to think he was a wonderful swimmer and he would demonstrate his prowess by the hour. "Watch me. See how I kick? HARD!"

Old-Fashioned

But now everybody used fancy strokes that made his stolid breast stroke seem slow and old-fashioned, and besides the water was much colder than it used to be. The camp wasn't so comfortable, either. They had added to it and added to it, improved and improved, until it was just a city house in the country, and one might as well be home. May Belle was a young lady now, with the little friends he had once liked so well turned into silly, chattering women, and supercilious slick-haired society men, who ostracized him completely, as if he were a hundred and ten. Even Jack Beamer, who was thirty-five if he was a day and would naturally be expected to be a little company for his host, was spending every moment with the younger fry. There was nothing left for John P. Craig but solitude and signing checks.

"He's paying too much attention to Nancy Hollenbeck," his wife went on, twirling her rings nervously as she talked. "I don't like it. May Belle says that all the girls have noticed it, and I don't want anything like that going on in my house. I don't know WHAT Kitty Hollenbeck would say, she has brought up those girls so carefully!"

"Nothing to worry about—Nancy's just it, John. I don't LIKE it. She knows his reputation. I hate to say it, but May Belle thinks she's setting her cap for him. They're been together every minute—"

"Pshaw! Suppose they have! Why, Nancy is only a baby—"

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In a Personal Way

INTERESTING bits of news mainly about people you know. A chronicle of the activities of the people of Bristol; their goings and comings.

Events for Tonight

Meeting of Harriman Men's Club.
Meeting of Bristol Council, No. 906,
K. of C.
Meeting of Bristol Castle, No. 103,
A. O. K. of M. C.

TONSILS REMOVED

Adelaide and Marie Jean White, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Harry White, of Harrison street, had their tonsils removed in the Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia on Wednesday. Both girls are getting along nicely.

IN HOSPITAL

Mr. Silas Dewees, of 591 Swain street, who has been a patient and receiving treatment in the Jefferson Hospital in Philadelphia, is improving in health.

Miss Mathilda Brenner, of Linden street, entertained the Sunday School Class, of which she is a member, at her home on Thursday evening. Miss May Smoyer is teacher of the class, and following the regular routine of business, a social hour and refreshments were enjoyed. Those present were: Miss May Smoyer, Miss Florence McHenry, Miss Marion Arensmeyer, Miss Lucile Rodgers, Miss Beatrice Tschada, Miss Florence Garretson, Miss Elizabeth Smith and Miss Carrie Rapp.

ENTERTAINED

Mrs. Hilda Albright, of Walnut street, entertained the Social Committee of the Daughters of America, Council No. 58, at her home. The evening was pleasantly spent playing cards and refreshments were served at a late hour. Those present were: Mrs. Carrie Keers, Mrs. Lillian Dyer, Mrs. Ethel Barr, Mrs. Harry Hinman and Mrs. Florence Hibbs.

Miss Mildred Weiss, of Spring street, entertained the members of the "Jolly Time Club" at her home this week. Cards and dancing were the chief amusements during the evening and refreshments were served. Those present were: Misses Dorothy Ward, Viola and Stella Mount, Dorothy Rousseau, Mary Giagnacova, Gladys Rousseau, Billy Hamilton and Helen Flanagan.

BUSINESS MEETING

The P. O. of A. held a business meeting Wednesday evening and also initiated two new members. Mrs. Naomi Foster, district president of District No. 9, was also present at this meeting. Nomina-

tion of officers also took place. Refreshments and a social hour followed the routine of business.

TO LEAVE HOSPITAL

Miss Elizabeth Percy, of Philadelphia, a former resident of Bristol, who was recently operated upon for appendicitis in the Hahnemann Hospital in Philadelphia, left the hospital on Friday and is now making an extended visit with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Percy, of Collingwood. Her many friends in Bristol are glad to know of her improvement in health.

VISITING HERE

Miss Bessie McGinley, who is a student at West Chester School, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. McGinley, of Otter street.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bisbing and Master Elwood Coney, of Trenton, were Wednesday guests of Mrs. Bisbing's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Britton, of 313 Washington street.

Mrs. Thomas Derham, of Oak Lane, spent Wednesday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Amole, of Edgely.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Edwards and family, of Jenkintown, were recent guests of Mrs. Edwards' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Roper, of Maple Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Greinzwieg, of Moore, Pa., and Mr. and Mrs. James Tuson, of Glenolden, Pa., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Stoneback, of Taylor street.

Miss Elizabeth LaRue will arrive at her home to spend two weeks' vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James LaRue, of Radcliffe street. Miss LaRue is a student at George School, Newtown.

Miss Frances Barr, of Ambler, will spend the Christmas holidays with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Barr, of Monroe street. Mrs. Anna Barr, Andalusia, will be Christmas Day guest of Mr. and Mrs. Barr.

Miss Mildred Johnson, of Fox Chase, was a guest of Mr. David Yeager, who has been residing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Kline, of 1221 Pond street.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Capella, of Holmesburg, will be Christmas Day guests at the home of Mr. Capella's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Capella, of 424 Jefferson avenue.

BRISTOLIANS AWAY

Mrs. Arthur Ford, Cedar street, was a Philadelphia visitor on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell DeLong and daughter, of Monroe street, will leave for Unionville, where they will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Moore, of Otter street, recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Brown, of Belmar, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lawler, of Radcliffe street, were recent guests of relatives in Holmesburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewald Henry, of Cedar street, were Thursday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Brandt Wheeler, of Elkins Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Klalber, of Madison street, were guests of friends in Lansdowne recently.

Connell Boyle, of Burlington, and Miss Anna Munday, of Newportville, were guests at the home of Mrs. Katharine Boyle, of Bath street.

Miss Anna Hay, of Jefferson avenue, is spending the holidays with Mrs. Eva Hay, of Wilmington, Del.

Mr. and Mrs. Hensor, of Beaver street, were Sunday guests of relatives in Fallsington.

CROYDON

Mrs. John Keeley, of Cedar avenue, enjoyed another week with friends in Lansdowne and West Orange, N. J.

The stork again visited Croydon and left Mr. and Mrs. John Irwin, of Second and Delaware avenue, a young son.

Miss Ruth Crawford is making her home with Mr. and Mrs. William Moran, of Wyoming avenue. Miss Katharine Moran has accepted a position with McGeary Bros.

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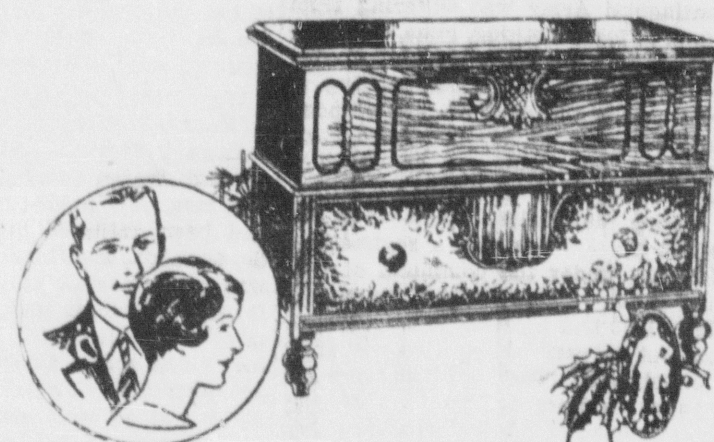
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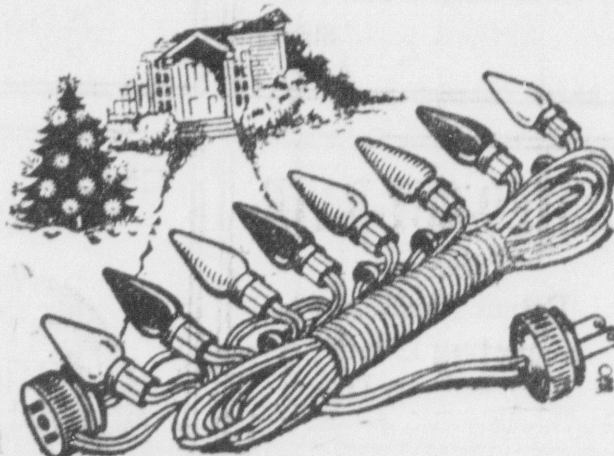
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mishes, the British had beaten and discouraged the Americans. As winter approached and the weather became more and more disagreeable, Howe became less inclined to fight and gave most of his attention to preparing comfortable quarters in which to plan the spring campaign. To the English leader it appeared that the Revolution had been all but crushed, and he seems to have expected what spirit remained with the Colonists to wear itself out in the cold, freezing snows of winter. At any rate, he had appar-

ently conquered New Jersey, and by the time spring came he would be ready to capture Philadelphia, the rebel capital.

The British commander had stationed troops at several places in New Jersey to prevent the Americans from retaking that territory should they make an attempt to do so, although little concern was felt in this direction. Washington was just across the Delaware River in Pennsylvania, but the condition of his men was such as to arouse but little apprehension on the part of the British. The entire Continental Army was suffering from a lack of food, clothing, guns, ammunition—in fact, nearly everything needed to maintain an army was lacking in the American camp. No self-respecting European soldier could entertain anything but contempt for such a nondescript body of troops.

Among the soldiers which Howe had left in the Jerseys was a regiment of Hessians under the command of Colonel Rahl. These troops numbered about 1500 and were stationed at Trenton but a very short distance from the Delaware. The Hessians were the type of soldiers known as mercenaries, because of the fact that war was their profession. They were hired out by their own monarch to fight for other rulers. Many of these soldiers were used in the Revolution by Great

Britain. Their lot was not a very happy one for they were not even respected by their English colleagues. The Americans themselves despised the hirelings because they were actuated by no principle save that of making money.

Washington formed his plans with all possible secrecy and Christmas was selected as the day for the attack on Trenton because it was believed that the Germans would be wholly unprepared to resist an assault at that time. These suppositions proved to be correct, for the boisterous celebration of the Yuletide was at its height when the Americans stormed the town in the dawn of that cold December morning.

Washington assembled his men at McKonkey's Ferry on the bank of the Delaware after a march of nine miles through frozen snow and biting sleet. The men were loaded into boats which had been gathered and prepared for the occasion, and the pitiful little army was soon moving across the stream. It was a perilous undertaking for the river was filled with great blocks of ice which many times threatened to overturn the crowded craft. But the affair was so well planned and executed that not a man or gun was lost. There was some delay in getting the artillery up, so that by the time Washington was ready to move on his ob-

jective the night was far gone. The enterprise had progressed so far, however, that there could be no thought of turning back.

From the ferry where the crossing had been made there remained another nine miles march to Trenton. By this time the temperature had dropped far below freezing and the troops were in a sorry plight, but they cheerfully resumed the march. The cold was so severe that two men froze to death that night. The suffering was intensified by the lack of suitable clothing, and a messenger to Washington was able to find the General by following the bloody footprints which his army left in the snow. Many of the muskets were so clogged with ice that they could not be fired, but by the time Trenton was reached the Americans, as one writer has suggested, would have charged with nothing but broomsticks. As it was, most of the fighting was done with the bayonet.

The battle did not last long. Colonel Rahl had underestimated the mettle of his opponent and had failed to erect

fortifications or otherwise to prepare for an attack. This mistake cost him his life and lost to Great Britain the services of a thousand hirelings. The Hessian commander bravely tried to form his men and resist the attack, but it was made so suddenly and so courageously that his tardy efforts were of no avail. This time Washington's victory was certain, and after only a few minutes of fighting the Germans all surrendered. The American casualties consisted of two or three men wounded, one of whom was Lieutenant James Monroe, later to become President of the United States.

Washington's hopes for the success of his enterprise were fully realized. His strategy and the heroism of his troops had the desired effect, for the

waning spirits of the Americans were revived and the Revolution was saved. The British were forced to admit that they were opposed by a worthy foe, and from this time forward their respect for his ability increased. There is no doubt that this was a strategic and masterful stroke on the part of the American leader. No less an authority than Frederick the Great of Prussia on one occasion is supposed to have remarked that "Washington's campaign in the Jerseys was the outstanding military exploit of the century." After his surrender at Yorktown, Lord Cornwallis, while dining with General Washington, said: "Fame will gather your brightest laurels rather on the banks of the Delaware than from those of the Chesapeake."

It is entirely fitting that the American people should turn for a moment from the holiday spirit of the season and remember with gratitude the sacrifices made by these courageous men of the Continental Army and the genius of their indomitable leader in the Battle of Trenton. Surely the nation is deeply indebted to George Washington for what he accomplished on that cold, stormy Christmas in 1776.

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